



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A worker welds a portion of a catwalk to a steel beam that supports the roof of the Congressional Auditorium.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/28/05 through 3/04/05

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to fireproof steel structural elements throughout the site.
- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect interior masonry block work, and install finish stone, which now includes sandstone, on the lower level near the CVC cafeteria.
- Stone and glass contractors will resume installation of the skylight near the face of the Capitol on the House side and will continue installing the stone anchors around the larger skylight at the south end of the Great Hall.
- Crews will place concrete for a trench drain along the south side pedestrian path that leads to the CVC entrance.
- Weather permitting, stone masons will continue installation of the granite paving stones on the East Front Plaza.

East Front Extension

- Crews will continue installing mechanical systems and utilities.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- A drill rig continues to auger piles that will eventually support the utility tunnel trench walls (*see photo at right*).

Workers guide a steel pile into place along East Capitol Street. Wood planks (lagging) will be placed between the piles to create a wall that will facilitate excavation of a trench for a new utility tunnel.





With the help of a mobile scaffold, workers apply a fireproofing membrane on the steel columns and beams inside the CVC entrance zone.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- All structural work for the tunnel is complete.
- Weather permitting, final grading and landscaping work will continue this week to restore the grounds near the face of the LOC building.

Next Week – 3/07/04 – 3/11/05

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Workers will continue placing the granite paving stones on the CVC roof in the eastern half of the site.
- Crews will continue to fireproof steel elements, install utilities, build mechanical spaces, place concrete, erect blockwork, install finish stone, and backfill and grade the zones near the CVC entrances.
- A crew will continue installation of the smaller skylight near the face of the Capitol on the south side.

East Front Extension

- Some minor demolition activities may occur.
- Crews will continue to install mechanical systems and utilities, and continue elevator work.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- A drill rig will continue to auger piles that will help support the utility tunnel trench walls (*see bottom photo opposite page*).

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Landscape restoration work may continue above the easternmost end of the tunnel near the face of the LOC.
- Installation of security and telecommunications conduit is complete inside the tunnel.



Tons of sandstone have been stockpiled on the floor of the Great Hall inside the CVC. Stone masons are currently working in the corridors that connect the Great Hall to the CVC dining facility.